



- ◊ Read a script about the origins of a company
- ◊ Review the past simple
- ◊ Note some vocabulary and irregular verbs

Starting  
Off

- 1 Read the **Script** explaining the origins of a business which sells leather satchels. Notice the past simple regular and irregular verbs.
- 2 Below the script is:
  - a brief **Review** of the past simple.
  - some **Vocabulary** used in the script.
  - a list of some irregular verbs.



**Script** - as you read, notice the **past simple** regular and irregular verbs.

The underlined words and expressions are explained in the Vocabulary section below.

In 2008, Julie Deane **sat** at her kitchen table and **wrote** a list of ten ways to raise money for her children's education. Halfway down the list she **noted** 'selling traditional leather satchels' - the bags her children **longed for** because they **were worn** by the characters in the Harry Potter films. With a budget of just £600 the Cambridge Satchel Company **was born**.

Julie **started** small and **asked** a leather supplier in Hull to make just eight conventional brown satchels. At the same time, she **read** as many books as possible and **taught** herself how to run a business. Word of the bags spread quickly and as more and more celebrities **bought** them, Julie **began** to experiment with different colours.

Julie **was** determined to keep the production in the UK and **opened** a factory in Leicestershire. Within just a few years, the company **employed** 90 people, **had** a turnover of £12 million and **received** orders from around the globe. In April 2013, Julie **collected** the Queen's Award for Enterprise in recognition of the company's substantial growth in exports. The idea **born** at the kitchen table **was** now truly an international success.



**Review - Past simple**

Regular verbs ending with <i>-ed</i>		Irregular verbs	
<b>positive</b>	Jess <b>finished</b> the report yesterday.	<b>positive</b>	Jess <b>wrote</b> the report yesterday.
<b>negative</b>	Jess <b>didn't finish</b> the report yesterday.	<b>negative</b>	Jess <b>didn't write</b> the report yesterday.
<b>question</b>	<b>Did</b> Jess <b>finish</b> the report yesterday?	<b>question</b>	<b>Did</b> Jess <b>write</b> the report yesterday?
<b>Pronunciation of -ed</b> - depends on the sound at the end of the infinitive		<b>The verb 'to be'</b>	
<b>/d/</b> ending with sounds of: <i>b, g, j, l, m, n, ng, v, z</i>	I <b>cancelled</b> the order a few days ago. They <b>complained</b> about the delay.	<b>positive</b>	I/he/she/it <b>was</b> here yesterday.
<b>/t/</b> ending with sounds of: <i>c, f, k, p, s, ch, sh, x</i>	We <b>discussed</b> the budget last week. I <b>booked</b> the restaurant yesterday.	<b>negative</b>	I/he/she/it <b>wasn't</b> here yesterday.
<b>/ɪd/</b> ending with sounds of: <i>d, t</i>	We <b>accepted</b> their proposal. We <b>decided</b> to give them the contract.	<b>question</b>	<b>Was</b> I/he/she/it here yesterday?
		<b>positive</b>	We/you/they <b>were</b> here yesterday.
		<b>negative</b>	We/you/they <b>weren't</b> here yesterday.
		<b>question</b>	<b>Were</b> we/you/they here yesterday?

**Past simple is used for actions, states or habits when referring to (or thinking of) a finished time period**

I **went** to the UK for a meeting last week.

We **didn't make** a profit in 2012.

When I **joined** the company, I **was** a junior account manager.

I **was** happy when he **left** the company.

**Vocabulary**

- to raise money to generate money for a particular purpose
- halfway the mid-point between two places
- to run a business to control and organise a business
- turnover value of goods and services sold by a company
- word (of the bags) spread information became known by more and more people



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There are over 370 irregular verbs in modern English but fewer than 200 are in everyday use. Some of these are shown below.



<i>infinitive</i>	<i>past simple</i>	<i>past participle</i>
be	was/were	been
become	became	become
begin	began	begun
break	broke	broken
bring	brought	brought
build	built	built
buy	bought	bought
catch	caught	caught
choose	chose	chosen
come	came	come
cost	cost	cost
cut	cut	cut
do	did	done
draw	drew	drawn
drink	drank	drunk
drive	drove	driven
eat	ate	eaten
fall	fell	fallen
feed	fed	fed
feel	felt	felt
fight	fought	fought
find	found	found
fly	flew	flown
forget	forgot	forgotten
freeze	froze	frozen
get	got	got
give	gave	given
go	went	gone
grow	grew	grown
have	had	had
hear	heard	heard
hold	held	held
keep	kept	kept
know	knew	known
lead	led	led
leave	left	left
lend	lent	lent

<i>infinitive</i>	<i>past simple</i>	<i>past participle</i>
let	let	let
lose	lost	lost
make	made	made
mean	meant	meant
meet	met	met
pay	paid	paid
put	put	put
ride	rode	ridden
read	read */red/	read */red/
ring	rang	rung
rise	rose	risen
run	ran	run
say	said	said
see	saw	seen
sell	sold	sold
send	sent	sent
show	showed	shown
shrink	shrank	shrunk
shut	shut	shut
sing	sang	sung
sink	sank	sunk
sit	sat	sat
sleep	slept	slept
speak	spoke	spoken
stand	stood	stood
steal	stole	stolen
stick	stuck	stuck
take	took	taken
teach	taught	taught
tell	told	told
think	thought	thought
throw	threw	thrown
understand	understood	understood
wake	woke	woken
wear	wore	worn
win	won	won
write	wrote	written

\* pronunciation